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Attorney's Docket No. 030682-066

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of)
Atsushi MIYANISHI et al.) Group Art Unit: 2815
Application No.: 09/114,203) Examiner: B. Baumeister
Filed: July 13, 1998)
For: SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE)

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AMENDMENT/REPLY TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Enclosed is a reply for the above-identified patent application.

[X] A Petition for Extension of Time is also enclosed.

[] A Terminal Disclaimer and a check for [] \$55.00 (248) [] \$110.00 (148) to cover the requisite Government fee are also enclosed.

[] Also enclosed is _____

[] _____ statement(s) claiming small entity status
[] are also enclosed [] were submitted previously.

[] Applicant(s) request continued examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 and enclose the [] \$345.00 (279) [] \$690.00 (179) fee due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e).

[] Applicant(s) previously submitted ___, on ___, for which continued examination is requested.

[] A Request for Entry and Consideration of Submission under 37 C.F.R. § 1.129(a) (146/246) is also enclosed.

[] No additional claim fee is required.

[X] An additional claim fee is required, and is calculated as shown below:

AMENDED CLAIMS					
	NO. OF CLAIMS	HIGHEST NO. OF CLAIMS PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	EXTRA CLAIMS	RATE	ADDT'L FEE
Total Claims	12	MINUS 20 =	0	× \$18.00 (103) =	
Independent Claims	4	MINUS 3 =	1	× \$78.00 (102) =	\$78.00
If Amendment adds multiple dependent claims, add \$260.00 (104)					
Total Amendment Fee					
If small entity status is claimed, subtract 50% of Total Amendment Fee					
TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE DUE FOR THIS AMENDMENT					\$78.00

[X] A claim fee in the amount of \$ 78.00 is enclosed.

[] Charge \$ _____ to Deposit Account No. 02-4800.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any appropriate fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17, 1.20(d) and 1.21 that may be required by this paper, and to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 02-4800. This paper is submitted in duplicate.

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Sir:

This amendment responds to the Office Action dated April 6, 2000 (Paper No. 7).

Please amend the above-noted application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

~~Please amend claim 1 and add new claim 12 as follows:~~

~~Claim 1, line 13, change "the length" to --a length--.~~

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--12. (New) A method of fabricating a semiconductor device on the basis of a layout design, the layout design achieved by a process comprising the steps of: designing a layout of an active area on a plane, said active area being defined from an insulating film by a boundary including a first edge extending along a first direction and a second edge extending along the first direction and a third edge connected between one ends of the first and second edges extending along a second direction different from the